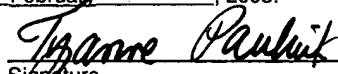


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 For: Medical Device and Method of Manufacturing
 Serial No.: 10/723,016
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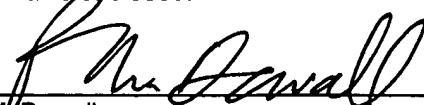
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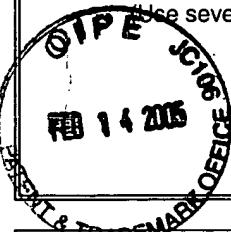
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